

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/296,120

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jean D Janvier

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3622

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jean D Janvier.

(3) _____.

(2) Daniel J. Warre (Attorney).

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 29 November 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Claimed invention in general and in particular claim 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: 5,649,114.

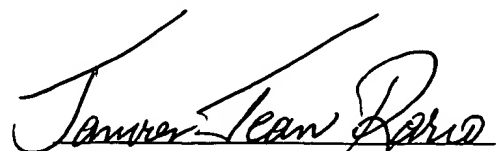
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Office Action rejected claim 1 for disclosing an abstract idea and for being non-statutory, under 35 USC 101, for not using any technology to perform the steps disclosed therein. The Applicant argues the specification does support the use of technology and that it is not required to use technology to perform the steps of the claim. The Examiner disagrees with the Applicant's findings and suggests possible amendments to overcome such a rejection. Further, Applicant was advised that the claims might be restricted in a future action unless amended.